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1. [REDACTED] it has been learned that the formation of an international commission to study the treatment of prisoners of the Franco regime in Spain is being considered by Communist groups in certain Latin American countries.
2. In Mexico, Party members meeting on 22 July in the name of the FOARE (Federacion de Organismos de Ayuda a los Republicanos Espanoles) considered naming Americans and Englishmen to the commission in view of the probability that Franco would not permit a Mexican to enter Spain as the member of such a group.
3. In Guatemala, designation of the member or members to the "juridical-parliamentary" commission will be in the hands of an unidentified "syndicate." In a letter written from Cuba by Rafael de Buen, a Spanish Communist, to Roberto Alvarado Fuentes in care of the President's office, Guatemala City, de Buen remarks that his friends in the Casa de la Cultura at Havana are anxious to know whom the "syndicate" will name, and he himself recommends Augusto Charnand MacDonald, Partido Accion Revolucionaria (PAR) leader, with perhaps a Salvadoran comrade in exile as alternate.

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